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DUMBA TELLS LANSING ABOUT SEIZED LETTER

Austrian Ambassador Lays Before Secretary of State His Explanation of Letter Written to the Vienna Foreign Office

DETAILS ARE NOT ANNOUNCED

It Discussed Plans for Withdrawing Austrian Labor from American Plant Making War Supplies for the Allies

[ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCH]

WASHINGTON, Sept. 7.—Dr. Constantin Dumba, Austrian ambassador, laid before Secretary of State Lansing an explanation of the letter written by him to the Vienna foreign office discussing plans for withdrawing Austrian labor from American plants making war material for Great Britain and her allies. Neither the ambassador nor Secretary Lansing would comment on the interview. The impression prevailed that the secretary would submit the matter to the president, who would decide whether the explanation was satisfactory.

The text of Dumba's letter, recently seized by the British authorities from its bearer, James Archibald, an American, and cabled to the state department, has been the subject of a conference between Secretary Lansing and the president before the ambassador reached the department. It was understood the use of an American passport to shield the messenger, who carried not only the Dumba letter, but dispatches from the Austrian embassy and other documents, was regarded as quite as serious a matter as the activities revealed by the letter itself. Lansing's only statement on the subject was a negative response when asked whether any steps had been taken toward bringing the situation to the attention of the Austro-Hungarian foreign office.

From reliable sources it was learned tonight that Dr. Dumba, in making his explanation, outlined the Austro-Hungarian view of the plans dealt with in the letter, contending it contemplated no violation of the laws of the United States. So far no steps have been taken, but the ambassador has been instructed to give the widest publicity of the new decree of his government making nationals liable under martial law for rendering assistance in the manufacture of munitions of war for the enemy. This decree, previously announced, provided punishment by long terms of imprisonment and even death by hanging for Austro-Hungarians committing the offense at home or abroad.

Co-operation in carrying out the purpose of the law, it was pointed out, is held to be mere fulfillment of the duty of the ambassador charged with the protection of his nationals. It is not denied, however, that Austria-Hungary's representatives, while they had no desire to injure American interests, would not hesitate to handicap in any way possible the efforts of their enemies to obtain munitions.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCH]

WREATH FOR PEGOU

RELFORT, France, Sept. 7.—A German aeroplane, flying at a great height, appeared last evening over Chavannes, an Alsatian village on the old frontier. The aviator dropped a wreath which bore the inscription: "To Pegoud, who died like a hero, from his adversary." The noted French aviator, Adolphe Pegoud, while making a reconnaissance recently near Petite Croix, was killed by a German aviator whom he had attacked.

ALL WELL ALONG CANAL

[ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCH]

WASHINGTON, Sept. 7.—A cable report to the war department from the Panama canal zone tonight announced that all is well on the isthmus except the slides which occurred several days ago. News of violent earthquakes in Central America caused the department to ask whether the canal suffered. Canal traffic will be resumed in two days.

Four Killed In Auto Crash Two Were On Honeymoon

[ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCH]

MONTAGUE, Calif., Sept. 7.—A. Y. Anderson, collector of customs at Astoria, his wife, his mother, Mrs. Margaret Anderson and his cousin, Aaron Anderson, also of Astoria, Oregon, were almost instantly killed when their automobile was struck by a northbound Oregon express at the Granada crossing of the southern Pacific, six miles north of here, Mr.

GERMANS MAKE NEW AIR RAID ON ENGLAND AND DROP SOME BOMBS

SAN SALVADOR AND GUATEMALA SHAKEN

LA LIBERTAD, Salvador, Sept. 7.—A strong earthquake occurred at San Salvador and Guatemala, Jutiapa, Guatemala, has been ruined. In the city of San Salvador no victims were reported. In Santa Ana there were a few casualties. Churches in many villages throughout the republic are in ruins. Jutiapa lies forty-five miles southeast of Guatemala city, and is the center of the cattle and coffee trade district.

FORTY ONE FACE INDICTMENT IN ELECTION CASE

Two Judges, County Officers and Business Men Plead Not Guilty to the Charge of Conspiring to Corrupt Election

[ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCH]

CORPUS CHRISTI, Sept. 7.—Forty-one defendants, including two judges, a number of county officers and prominent business men of Nueces county, pleaded not guilty in the United States district court to indictments charging them with conspiring to corrupt the general election here last November. One of the witnesses was examined before the court adjourned until tomorrow. He was Fred Hendley, superintendent of the local traction company.

Hendley testified that just previous to the last general election he attended a democratic party meeting here at which among others, County Judge Walter Timon of Nueces county, Ed Casteberry, former county constable, Henry Stevens, a local merchant, were in attendance. Hendley testified he overheard Judge Timon say it "would take from twenty-five hundred to three thousand dollars to carry the election."

He testified before leaving the meeting the poll tax lists had been checked and certain democrats attending had been assigned a number of names of voters to "see in behalf of the county ticket."

Hendley testified that Judge Timon, clerk, the opposing party would spend money "like water" on cross examination Hendley said the manner of expending the money when collected was not mentioned while he was in the hall.

Congressman John Garner, whose election among others, the defendants are alleged to have conspired to secure by fraudulent means, remained in court throughout the day with the attorneys for the defense.

The grand jury examined twenty witnesses in its investigation of the same election in Duval county.

Official Statement Says That Hostile Aircraft Revisit Eastern Counties, Start Fires and Cause Some Casualties

RIGA REMAINS DANGER POINT

Fact That Russians Still Hold City Causes Belief They Are Sure of Ability to Defend Their Divina Position

[ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCH]

LONDON, Sept. 8, (Wednesday).—A German air raid on the east coast of England occurred last night. An official statement says: "Hostile aircraft revisited the eastern counties Tuesday night and dropped bombs. It is known there were some fires and some casualties but particulars are not yet available. The number of casualties will be communicated to the press as soon as obtained."

Riga remains the danger point in the east but the fact that the Russians continue to occupy the town after the Germans have advanced to the Divina, southeast of Riga, leads military writers to the conclusion that the Russians feel reasonably sure of their ability to defend the river and in time to push sufficiently far westward to relieve the pressure on their forces on the shores of the Gulf of Riga.

Westward of Divinsk and Vilna the Russian offensive has now held the Germans for more than a week to the military observers those two towns seem fairly safe unless the invaders are able to bring up strong reinforcements.

To the east and south of Grodno the Russians have taken up new positions across the river St. Chara and its numerous tributaries and are now protecting the net work of railways which run eastward and northward to the interior country.

To the southeast again among the forests and swamps to the north-eastern edge of the Pripiet marshes a great battle is in progress between the army of Prince Leopold of Bavaria and the troops of the Russian center, the latter having finally elected to make a stand.

Amid the Pripiet marshes German Field Marshal von Mackensen is working hard for a decisive result. He reports having taken two Russian positions. Still another battle is being fought for the triangle fortifications farther south of which Rovno and Dubno remain in the hands of the Russians. The Austrians and Russians are facing each other across the Sereth river in Galicia where the fighting is continuous.

The stands the Russians are making suggest that their supply of munitions are ample. A Petrograd correspondent says the ammunition shortage of the Russians has been corrected. The artillery activity of the Austrians along the northern frontier of Serbia where the Teutons are strengthening their positions on the rivers Save and Danube.

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[ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCH]

CHICAGO, Sept. 7.—Officials of the Friends of Peace met and discussed plans for a nationwide organization "for political and other action."

The contemplated organization, which is described by the founders as for "practical action, but not a political party," will have as its aim, according to the officials, the "freedom of the seas" from English blockade of Germany, the cessation of exportation of war materials by any means; influencing congressmen for legislation along lines of the resolutions passed by the convention of the Friends of Peace which closed yesterday.

The ambition of the promoters is to enroll fifteen million names. The organization will take no action, the leaders declared, with regard to loyalty to the United States government in case of war with Germany, but the leaders asserted that every member will "act according to his own judgment in such a case."

Artillery activities continue on the western front and it is also reported along the Serbian border.

Since the outbreak of the war, Grand Duke Nicholas, a cousin of Emperor Nicholas, has been in command of the armies of Russia. In this capacity he has achieved fame. The message of Emperor Nicholas to President Poincare does not make clear whether Grand Duke Nicholas has been superceded by the emperor. During the last few weeks there has been severe criticism of the conduct of the war by the Russian authorities.

WEATHER TODAY

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 7.—For Arizona—Fair.

FORT SCOTT IS FLOODED MANY FLEE FOR LIVES

Waters of Marmaton River Rise Thirty Feet and Inundate Wholesale and Residence District Imperiling Lives of Many

CABMEN PLAY PAUL REVERE

Four Drivers from Undertaking Establishment Send Their Horses Through Town and Shout Warnings to Residents

[ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCH]

FORT SCOTT, Kas., Sept. 7.—The waters of the Marmaton river which rose thirty feet in a few hours this morning flooding the wholesale and residence sections and imperiling the lives of hundreds, were receding tonight and fears for the loss of life and further property damage passed. Although scores were rescued from trees and house-tops and many smaller structures were swept away, no one was killed as far as known. The damage is estimated at \$200,000.

An unnamed telephone operator at Uniontown, fourteen miles away, and four cab drivers employed by George Komantz, an undertaker, share with Komantz, the hero roles.

Uniontown experienced a six-inch rain last night. The Uniontown operator realized the impending danger to North Fort Scott and the residence section here and telephoned to Komantz.

The undertaker quickly aroused four drivers in his employ. The horses were harnessed and in a few minutes were driving to the imperiled section. The Marmaton river divides North Fort Scott from the main section of the city. Once in the residence section the cabmen began to shout, "Get out, the floods are coming" as they drove through the streets.

Twenty-five hundred people reside (Continued on Page Three)

[ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCH]

TWO MORE BODIES FOUND IN F-4

HONOLULU, Sept. 7.—Two additional bodies were found in the engine room compartment of the hull of the submarine F-4, which was lost outside the Honolulu harbor on March 25 and which is now in drydock here. The condition of the bodies was such that identification is impossible. Officials in charge of the investigation as to the cause of the disaster said they hoped to have the hull cleared of debris by Thursday.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCH]

NEW YORK, Sept. 7.—In the face of many apparent reasons for assuming a stronger tone, the foreign exchange market weakened, and sterling went down 4 cents from Saturday's close to \$4.62. A large offering of bills is said to have been the cause of the drop.

Even the news of the latest importation of gold from England, nearly twice the amount expected, failed to check the slump.

Another cause for strength which was responded to only by weakness was the belief that a remedy was near at hand, as only a few days at most will elapse before the arrival of the Anglo-French commission. Largely because of the activities of the British censor, it was said tonight, the commission will reach New York almost ignorant of the situation here. Local bankers have found it next to impossible to advise financiers abroad of the plight of foreign monies in this market. Censorship on cables has built a wall about Great Britain. It is said, through which the truth has been unable to penetrate, as far as the foreign exchange situation is concerned. One thing the London bankers have apparently not learned is that the United States does not want their gold. This will be one of the first things, it is said, with which the commission will be made acquainted when it reaches New York.

AGAIN A GRANDFATHER

[ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCH]

WASHINGTON, Sept. 7.—A son was born to Mrs. Richard Brown Hatgraves, second daughter of William J. Bryan. The boy is the seventh grandchild and the fourth grandson of the former secretary of state.

VILLA IS DRIVEN FROM BORDER BY CARRANZA HAS NO PORT OF ENTRY

Twelve Hundred Carranza Troops Under General Garza Occupy Piedras Negras When Villa Evacuates and Flees to Hills

LITTLE EXCITEMENT IN THE TOWN

This is the Fifth Time Piedras Negras Has Changed Hands—Changes Are Always Made Without Any Fighting

[ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCH]

EAGLE PASS, Sept. 7.—Twelve hundred Carranza troops under General Garza have occupied Piedras Negras, opposite here. The Villa forces evacuated the place and fled to the surrounding hills.

There was little excitement attendant on the evacuation, a few Mexican refugees crossed to the Texas side. This is the fifth time Piedras Negras has changed hands since 1912. The changes have always been made without a fight. The Villa commander last night announced he would make a stand against the Carranza force at Nava, just south of the border here. Apparently however, he changed his mind. Thirty wounded Villa soldiers were brought to the Texas side last night. They will probably be sent to the El Paso internment camp as soon as they are able to be moved. The evacuation today left the Villa forces without a port of entry on the lower Texas border. Piedras Negras, Nuevo Laredo and Matamoros now being under Carranza control.

Moves to Chihuahua

EL PASO, Sept. 7.—The arrival of the first train from Mexico City in ten days brought reports of the removal of the offices and archives from Torreon to Chihuahua. City together with various other movable governmental properties.

It was said General Angeles has returned to Chihuahua where other reports confirm his presence. Villa, it is said, also visited Chihuahua. Sunday. The report of the fall of Saltillo reached Torreon Saturday but created no excitement. The troops at that time were being rushed from Torreon to Paredon. Deeres regulating prices for the sale of merchandise and the price of exchange in Villa territory were not enforced, it is said. Juarez railway officers have refused bookings further south than Torreon.

To Consider Replies

WASHINGTON, Sept. 7.—Secretary Lansing and the Latin American diplomats cooperating with him in an effort in reestablishing a constitutional government in Mexico will meet next week to consider the replies to the appeal to the Mexican factions for a peace conference to formulate the next step in their plan. Lansing said the meeting had not been definitely arranged but would be before September 15. As to what the next step would be in the negotiations was not disclosed.

Carranza has not yet replied to the (Continued on Page Three)

[ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCH]

SKYSCRAPER BURGLAR

CHICAGO, Sept. 7.—Melville Reeves, known as the "skyscraper burglar," was ordered held tonight in connection with the robbery of the home of Mrs. J. O'Brien Armour last night. The police declared that Reeves, who was taken into custody, was being held in hiding, answered the description of one of the two men who entered the Armour home and held Mrs. Armour and her three maids at bay with a pistol and escaped with \$75 in currency and nearly \$300 in jewels.

Arrangements have been made to have Reeves confronted by Mrs. Armour for identification, probably tomorrow morning. Less than a block from the Armour home, it was discovered the residences of Congressman Martin Madden and B. T. Glennon, a former judge, were entered by burglars. The Madden and Glennon homes were both unoccupied.

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ENTIRE RIO GRANDE IN ARMY'S HANDS

BROWNSVILLE, Sept. 7.—It was announced tonight that Major General Funston is to issue orders placing practically the entire Rio Grande country of the Brownsville section in the hands of the United States army. It is understood the army will devote its efforts permanently to guard the border, leaving the policing of the interior, except when special troops are needed, to the state and county officers.

ALL LAND OR NONE MUST BE IN RESERVOIR

Water Users' Governors Recommend Holders of Fractional Acreages Be Excluded Unless They Sign All Their Lands

[ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCH]

Twelve hundred acres of valley land, known as "fractional holdings" will be deeply affected by a resolution passed at yesterday's session of the governors of the Water Users' Association, petitioning the reclamation commission to require the owners thereof to live up to a clause in the articles of incorporation, that directs ranchers to subscribe their total holdings or none at all.

In making up its lists of subscribed lands, as a basis for establishing the limits of the project, the survey board overlooked deviations in land listings, amounting to less than five per cent of the total holdings. When the reports were made up, it was found that a number of ranchers were credited with less subscribed land than they actually owned and cultivated—for practically all the land in this group is under cultivation.

Two reasons were assigned for "fractional holdings". In some cases, the owner miscalculated his land, especially in cases where odd shaped parcels were owned. In others, however, the practice of buying "short" was responsible for the error. An owner would purchase water for less acres than he actually owned, and would stretch his deliveries of water to cover the entire tract.

A month ago, at a regular meeting, the board recommended the commission that it include the 1,200 acres in the project giving number of strong reasons why this should be done—but principally emphasizing the need of increasing the revenue from water service payments, and of unifying the service.

Yesterday's meeting listened to a communication from the commission, stating that such lands would be included provided they were described, (Continued on Page Four)

[ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCH]

DETECTIVE TESTIFIES BEFORE MILITIA COURT OF INQUIRY

DENVER, Sept. 7.—A. C. Felt, of the Baldwin-Felts detective agency, commander of the detective forces of the Colorado coal operators in the strike of 1913-14, testified before the militia court of inquiry. The substance of the testimony was not made public. It was previously announced, however, the days session in the investigation of the charges against National Guard officers would be devoted largely to happenings in the strike.

F. E. Gove, chief counsel for the Victor-American Fuel company, was summoned for the afternoon session, but was excused until tomorrow. It is expected the joint testimony of Major George Lee and C. M. McCutcheon, who accused Lee of financial irregularities will be deferred on account of the protracted testimony of Lieutenant Thomas Elkins.

A subpoena issued for William Diamond was returned unserved, the half-reporting Diamond could not be located. Diamond is the Colorado representative of President White of the United Mine Workers of America.

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OUR PROGRESS IN SANITATION IS DISCUSSED

At Meeting of American Public Health Association, Dr. W. T. Sedgwick Says This is Greatest Achievement

A NEW SCIENCE IS RECOGNIZED

But America Still Lacks Complete Organization to Conserve Public Health and Comfort—Infant Mortality Too High

[ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCH]

ROCHESTER, Sept. 7.—Governor Whitman spoke at the opening meeting of the American Public Health association in convention hall tonight welcoming the delegates to the state and expressing the state's ideals for the health of its citizens.

Dr. William Sedgwick of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology spoke on "Achievements and Failures in Public Health Work."

Major General William Gorham gave a brief eulogy of Dr. Charles Finlay, who worked with him in the sanitation work in Cuba and whose death occurred on August 20 last year.

"Up to 1888" he said, "preventive medicine, chiefly in the form of vaccination was the principal weapon for the promotion of public health, but a long step forward was taken when, in that year, with a reorganization of the state board of health of Massachusetts, sanitary engineering became a recognized and indispensable branch of public health science."

Bacteriological laboratories for the quick detection of dangerous infections, have now been installed almost everywhere, at least, in the more progressive American cities and towns. We have begun the medical and sanitary supervision of schools and school buildings. We have invented and put within the reach of all but the very poor the most complete, convenient and salubrious heating and ventilating appliances in the world, for houses, theaters, halls, hotels and workshops. We have made ice, once a luxury for kings and emperors, a universal source for all classes in hot weather. We have perfected and extended the preservation of foods by cold and by canning, so that seasonal scarcity is almost unknown. We have invented and cheapened rubber clothing and especially rubber shoes as a defense against our almost tropical rains. We have applied machinery to the manufacture of abundant and better and cheaper shoes and clothing. We have shown by experiment with a national spitting nuisance, the possibility of modifying unsanitary habits by education and reasonable sanitary ordinances.

"On the other hand, we have failed to achieve many much needed sanitary conditions. Our water supplies are to a great extent either in good condition or on the way to improvement, but our sewerage disposal systems are still in many cases far from satisfactory. In this respect the parallel between the individual and the community is close, for while many intelligent persons attend carefully to the water they drink, most are negligent of the disposal of wastes which is quite as necessary as the intake of wholesome food and drink."

"Probably the most flagrant failure in American sanitation today is the almost universal lack of public convenience or comfort stations in American cities and towns. Failure like this to (Continued on Page Four)

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Gonzales Warns Mexicans Amnesty Expires Wednesday

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